



16th August 2016

Dear Parents and students,

I want to officially welcome all of you to the 2016-17 school year!

Hope all of you had an interesting summer break doing things that you wanted to do or travelling and seeing new places and learning about new cultures. We have been very busy renovating the primary classroom block this summer. Everything is progressing smoothly and the work will be finished before school reopens on Thursday, September 1st, 2016 which will be our 10th academic year!

IGCSE Results.

Let me begin by sharing with you the happy news of excellent results by our outgoing class of 2015-16. We had 108 students from Year 9, 10 and 11 sitting for a total of 386 papers in 17 subjects of which slightly more than 61% scored either an A* or an A! A more detailed analysis of the results is as below.

Congratulations to all students, parents and their teachers on your wonderful performance.

Result Summary for Tanarata International Schools (MY411) Jun-16																	
Qualification: IGCSE 2015-16																	
Cand. No.	Candidate Name	ACC	ADD. MATHS	ART & DESIGN	BIOLOGY	BUSINESS STUDIES	CHEMIST BY	COMP SCI	ECONS	Eng	Mand	Malay	GEOG	HIST	Eng LR	MATHS	MU
Total Candidates per Subject:		19	24	8	40	9	18	18	20	43	7	24	17	11	11	42	1
Total A*:		2	1		19	1	22	1	6	4	4	8	15	3	10	18	1
Total A:		7	9	1	11	3	6	6	6	11	2	10	1	4	10	10	1
Total A's and A*:		9	10	1	30	4	28	7	12	15	6	18	16	7	20	28	1
Total B:		6	10	1	4	3	3	5	3	10		6	1	2	7	3	1
Total C:		3	3	3	2	1	4	3	5	11					3	4	1
Total D:				2	2		1	1		7					1	1	1
Total E:		1	1	1												2	
Total F:						1	1	1						1			
Total U:					1			1								2	
Total X:											1					1	

Sale of Books for the New Academic Year

Books and uniforms for the coming academic year have been and will be on sale at the school bookshop as per the schedule below. Please ensure that your children have bought all their

textbooks by the end of first week. The students will be provided with the class timetable and calendar on the first day of school when they meet their new class teachers. You may pre-order the books through the UBS website and ask them to deliver it to the school. *Secondary school students also have the option of using the eBooks which are already available on the library server.*

Below are the timings for the sales of textbooks and exercise books, which will be:

From 22 August - 30 August 2016 the bookshop will be open on Mondays - Fridays (10am-2pm)

From 1 September - 9 September 2016 the bookshop will be open on Mondays - Fridays (7:30am-3pm)

Should you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact **Mimi** (Sales Manager) at UBS +6012 377-1440 or email at mimi@ubsm.com.my

Note to New Students and their parents

Orientation for all new Year 1, 2 and 3 students

Date: **30th August 2016 (Tuesday)**

Time: **8.00 am - 10.00 am**

Venue: **School MPH**

We would like to pay a little extra attention to you as it is the first day for your child in a new schooling atmosphere. **As such, all new students are requested to gather in the school multi-purpose hall along with their parents at 8.00 am on 30th August.** This is to ensure that the teachers have a little extra time to understand the children's needs and apprehensions.

All new students are to wait at the 'Watersides' cafeteria on 1st September. They will be guided by the teachers into their respective classes after the existing students have settled in.

To enhance the security aspects and minimize the likelihood of unauthorized person/s entering the campus, we have been issuing school **car security stickers**. Each family is entitled to two such stickers which should be collected personally from the security guard house after providing your vehicle registration number/s for school records. It is mandatory that every car entering the school premises to drop off or to pick up students have the car sticker clearly visible on the vehicles' windscreen.

Parents visiting the campus on the first day may also wait at the café.

Parking and Traffic Flow Reminders

As you may know, traffic congestion during the peak times during the start of school and dismissal causes a gridlock at the entrance to the school. We ask again that parents and students obey traffic laws, demonstrate common courtesy, comply with our guards and parking attendants, and think SAFETY FIRST.

We encourage parents to choose to drop off and pick up their children from the parking area in the campus. Proper use of this area will decrease traffic congestion in the parking lots and reduce headaches. Above all, **please be courteous, considerate and patient.**

Parents wanting to walk into the campus to help their children into the classrooms will be allowed to do so only during the first week. After this period, parents are advised to walk with them only till the green gate closest to the old building and not beyond that into the classrooms. We would like to encourage students to become independent and responsible.

Shifting of Classes /Teachers

In the new academic year you might find that your child has been moved to a different class. This shifting and movement is done randomly. Requests for shifting of class from A to B or the other way around will not be honoured. Once your child has been placed in a classroom, they will remain there for the remainder of the year, barring extenuating circumstances. All our teachers are qualified and prepared to teach both classes. If you should have questions, please check with your child's teacher regarding their progress or send me an email.

Extra Curricular Activities (ECA) and Clubs

All ECA will be restarted after school hours between 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm every day from the 3rd week onwards. Every student is encouraged to enroll in at least one activity. A more detailed notice will be sent to you at a later date on this subject.

An approximate cost of RM 150.00 per student per term will be charged for all activities.

Involvement in School

As it is so important that teachers and parents work together in making a child's school year a happy and successful one, it is hoped that you will be able to spend some time during the school year helping in the classroom or at home. Please discuss with your child's teacher, ways that will work within your schedule. Home-School partnership is the reason TiS continues to excel academically.

We are extremely fortunate to have a highly involved and very supportive parent group (TCC). These dedicated groups of parents work diligently to raise the standards of our learning community by supporting our teachers and students in all phases of the schooling process.

Meet the Parent Week

We will be organising sessions with the parents and teachers of primary classes (Year 2- 6) after school in the 2nd week. All queries about activities, curriculum and such may be discussed with the subject and class teachers here. This would also be a good opportunity to know your child's classmates parents. Please check the schedule below. All briefings will be in the MPH from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm.

5th Sept 2016 (Mon) - Year 2A and B

6th Sept 2016 (Tue) - Year 3A and B

7th Sept 2016 (Wed) - Year 4A and B

8th Sept 2016 (Thur) - Year 5A and B

9th Sept 2016 (Fri) - Year 6A and B

The teachers and staff are looking forward to get to know you as parents and your child over the next few weeks. Lastly, throughout the school year, your child's teacher(s) and I will be making a specific effort to stay in touch with you. You will be informed of your child's progress and of school activities on routine basis. Look for papers coming home, newsletters, email updates, tips and reminders. Each and every student and parent is a special part of our school community. Your communication with the school and your support for our programs is very important to us.

On a lighter note, we need to acknowledge that the popular Ninetendo game, Pokémon Go has been allowed in Malaysia! I am sure our children have been curious and have tried playing. No catching of Pokémon during school hours and if they are anywhere within the campus only after school hours!

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or me whenever you have a question, a concern, or need information.

Calendar

Dates to Remember !

22 Aug	Mon	Bookshop opens for sale of books
29th Aug	Mon	Staff Meetings
30th Aug	Tues	Orientation for new students in Year 1/2/3
31st Aug	Wed	Merdeka Day/Public Holiday
1st Sept	Thurs	Start of new Academic year!

5th-9th Sept	Mon –Fri	Meet the parent week
12th Sept	Mon	Hari Raya Haji/ Public Holiday
16th Sept	Fri	Malaysia Day/ Public Holiday

Thank you.

Barnali Guha